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## **ACADEMIC SENATE IN-BRIEF**

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 30 August 2022.

### **Overview**

The agenda of matters considered at this meeting is available from [this folder in Truth](#). The resolutions and minutes of the meeting remain subject to change and will also be published in Truth following ratification at the next Academic Senate meeting, scheduled for 11 October 2022.

Key agenda items, outcomes and resolutions are highlighted in this brief and are not intended to replace the full minutes.

### **Matters resolved**

Academic Senate passed 19 resolutions at this meeting. Information on outcomes of specific agenda items may be found in this report or within the minutes.

## **COURSES: NEW AND AMENDMENTS**

Academic Senate approved the introduction of the Graduate Certificate of Accounting Practice, Graduate Diploma of Accounting Practice, Graduate Certificate of Leadership and Change, Graduate Certificate of Applied Business Analytics, Graduate Certificate of Digital Marketing, Graduate Certificate of Digital Finance, Graduate Certificate of Business Administration and Graduate Diploma of Business Administration to be offered by the Macquarie Business School with effect from 1 January 2023. It also approved the disestablishment of the Bachelor of Philosophy/Master of Research (Human Sciences) and Master of Research (Human Sciences) and approved a range of amendments to existing courses as set out in Agenda Items 3.6 and 3.6.1 (Res AS22/82 and AS22/83), noting that one proposal (for the Master of Business Analytics) was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

## **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

### **Academic Language and Literacies Policy** (Res AS22/77)

Academic Senate approved the introduction of the Academic Language and Literacies Policy with immediate effect.

### **Academic Integrity Breach Procedure: Amendments** (Res AS22/78)

Academic Senate approved amendments to the Academic Integrity Breach Procedure and Flowchart and the Academic Integrity Breach Outcomes Matrix, with immediate effect.

### **Higher Degree Research Variations to Candidature Policy: Amendments** (Res AS22/80)

Academic Senate approved amendments to the Higher Degree Research Variations to Candidature Policy, with immediate effect.

### **Higher Degree Research Offsite Research Enrolment Policy and Procedure** (Res AS22/81)

Academic Senate approved the introduction of the Offsite Research Enrolment Policy (including Procedures) with immediate effect, and expired the Higher Degree Research Offsite Research Procedure for Commencing Candidates and Offsite Research Procedure for Continuing Candidates with effect from the date of publication of the Offsite Research Enrolment Policy in Policy Central.

### **Policies Under Review/Development** (Res AS22/86)

Academic Senate noted a list of policies under review/development as of 18 August 2022.

## **GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY**

### **Academic Senate Oversight of Academic Risks** (Res AS22/87)

Academic Senate received and endorsed Quality and Standards Review reports on the four areas under Standard 2 (Learning Environment) and the three areas under Standard 3 (Teaching) of the Higher Education Standards Framework.

### **Student Performance Report: August 2022** (Res AS22/88)

Academic Senate received and noted reports from the Student Outcomes Group including the Annual Student Cohort Report (Students with a Disability), SOG Annual Report on Retention, Attrition, Success

for 2021 – 2022, 2021 QILT Student Satisfaction (Macquarie University only results) and 2021 QILT Graduate Outcomes: Graduate Satisfaction.

### **Thematic Review on Inherent requirements for courses with external accreditation: Update** (Res AS22/89)

Academic Senate received and noted an update on the Thematic Review on Inherent requirements for courses with external accreditation.

### **Defining standards-based assessment at MQ** (Res AS22/90)

Academic Senate received and noted the final report of the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee project, “Defining standards-based assessment at MQ”.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

- The Vice-Chancellor congratulated Distinguished Professor Anne Castle on being one of only 16 Australian Academics to receive a 2022 Laureate Fellowship;
- The Vice-Chancellor also spoke to members on matters including an impending announcement on the 2023 Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) round, the upcoming National Skills Forum, and student load for Session 2 2022;
- The Interim Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) provided a report on matters in her portfolio, including improving access to Undergraduate courses for people from Regional and Remote Australia and Low Socio-Economic (SES) backgrounds, responding to the low-completion rate rule in the Job Ready Graduates Package, and an update on TEQSA re-registration and the response to the ESOS audit;
- Academic Senate approved amendments to the criteria for the Merit List and approved the annual review of these criteria (Res AS22/79);
- Academic Senate ratified two cotutelle agreements entered into since the previous meeting of Academic Senate (Res AS22/84);
- Academic Senate endorsed a recommendation for the award of the title of Professor Emerita for recommendation to Council (Res AS22/85);
- Academic Senate ratified decisions made under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate related to the award of the Macquarie University Award for Academic Excellence to coursework graduands and the Macquarie University College Award for Academic Excellence to Macquarie University College graduands, the exclusion of the Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Sciences (BESS) from all doubles for a period of 3 years, with immediate effect, and the appointment of Cathleen Furey as a student member on the Macquarie University College Subcommittee for a term of membership from 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2024 (Res AS22/91);
- Academic Senate ratified savings cases approved under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS22/92); and
- Academic Senate noted information on upcoming elections for its academic staff and student member positions (Res AS22/93).

## **COMMITTEES OF ACADEMIC SENATE AND FACULTY BOARDS**

### **Committees of Academic Senate**

Academic Senate noted the reports and unconfirmed minutes of the meetings of the Academic Standards and Quality Committee, the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee and the University Medal Committee held in July and August 2022, and noted a report on matters dealt with by circular resolution by the Academic Senate Standing Committee during the same period.

### **Faculty Boards**

Academic Senate noted the reports and unconfirmed minutes of the meetings of the Faculty of Arts Faculty Board and the Macquarie Business School Faculty Board held in July and August 2022.